

## ABSTRACT

A system for communicating an event status across a data channel is provided.

- The system includes a data path to provide connectivity for a plurality of communication channels using data transport protocols. An originating device is coupled to a first
- 5 location on the data path, and is operable to set an event status indicator in a control portion of a data unit. The originating device is additionally operable to communicate a data signal as one or more data units on a data channel supported on the data path. A receiving device is coupled to a second location on the data path, and is operable to detect the event status indicator in the control portion of the data unit. The receiving device is
- 10 additionally operable to convert the one or more data units communicated on the data channel to a recovered data signal. The event status indicator identifying an event status, such as a buffer overflow or underflow condition, or a line status, for example.